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## Office Action Summary

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**Applicant(s)**

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**Examiner**

Vanel Frenel

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### Period for Reply

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### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 June 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 10, 14 and 16 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 10, 14, 16 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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## **DETAILED ACTION**

### **Notice to Applicant**

1. This communication is in response to the amendment After-Final filed on 6/21/06. Claims 10, 14 and 16 are pending.

2. Applicant's arguments filed on 6/21/06 regarding the Finality mailed on 3/17/06 have been persuasive. Therefore the previous Office Action has been withdrawn and a new Office Action is hereby presented.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1, 14 and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Stewart et al (6,259,405) in view of Joseph (2005/0165661).

(A) As per claim 10, Stewart discloses a processing system for providing services from a plurality of service providers to a plurality of service users, said processing system comprising :

a car mounted terminal provided for each service user to permit said service user to input user inputs and to display data (See Stewart, Col.16, lines 10-28);

wherein said service providing management unit comprises:

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a car use service management unit for, in response to a car use service application from a service user registered by said service providing management unit, processing by collectively presenting types of cars to said service user, at the same time or after the car type presentation processing by presenting considerations in point values with regard to a use period for every car type presented to said service user processing of accepting a car use application in which a car type is specified which the service user desires to use among the presented car types and a use period of the car is selected, processing of requesting a service provider to provide a service in which the type of car is specified and the use period thereof is selected by the service user processing of receiving a report from the service provider that the car use service has been completed and processing of deducting the point value corresponding to the offered service from the point value owned by the service user (See Stewart, Col.13, lines 45-67),

a car insurance other service management unit for, after performing the processing of accepting a car use application in which car type is specified which the service user desires to use among the presented car types and a use period of the car is selected, processing by presenting types, contents and use period of car insurance services with regard to the car selected by the service user, at the same time when or after presenting the types, contents and use period of the car insurance services, processing of presenting considerations in point values of the types, contents and use period of the car insurance services, processing of receiving a use

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application of car insurance service which is voluntarily selected by the service user regardless of the type and use period of the car which the service user receives as the service offer, processing of requesting the service provider to provide the car insurance service which is selected by the service user, processing of receiving a report from the service provider that the car insurance has been offered, and processing of deducting a point value corresponding to the offered car insurance service from the point value owned by the service use is performed (See Stewart, Col.15, lines 15-54; Col.20, lines 29-67), and

a car other service management unit for, when the service user receives a car use service, processing by presenting different kinds of services other than car use and car insurance services which are available only for the service user receiving car use service by making use of said car mounted terminal of the car now being used, at the same time or after presenting the different kinds of other services, contents thereof and use time thereof, processing of presenting considerations in a form of point value with regard to the kinds of other services, the contents thereof and the use time thereof, processing of receiving a use application of the different kinds of other services and the use time thereof which is set by the service user within the remaining point value of the service user, processing of requesting a service provider to provide another service selected by the service user, processing of receiving a report from the service provider via the car mounted terminal that the other service has been provided, and processing of deducting a point value corresponding to the

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other service being provided from the point value owned by the service user (See Stewart, Col.25, lines 18-67).

Stewart does not explicitly disclose that the processing system having a service providing management unit, coupled to said car mounted unit by a network, for processing by concluding agreements of service offerings from said service providers to said service users to which an offers of services is performed, receiving an applications from a service user who desires a service offerings, recording necessary personal data of the service user from said apparatus, processing a registration based on said necessary personal data of the service user as payment of desired services, and processing of receipt of a lump-sum or periodic use fee from the service user processing of issuing a point card for the service user in which the personal data of the service user and a point value corresponding to the received use fee are recorded.

However, these features are known as evidenced by Joseph. In particular, Joseph suggests that the processing system having a service providing management unit, coupled to said car mounted unit by a network, for processing by concluding agreements of service offerings from said service providers to said service users to which an offers of services is performed, receiving an applications from a service user who desires a service offerings, recording necessary personal data of the service user from said apparatus, processing a registration based on said necessary personal data of the service user as payment of desired services, and processing of receipt of a lump-sum or periodic use fee from the service user processing of issuing a point card for the service user in which the personal data of the service user and a point value

corresponding to the received use fee are recorded (See Joseph, Page 4, Paragraphs 0043-0046).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to have included the features of Joseph within the system of Stewart with the motivation of providing information or service providers which include rental car agencies, hotels, restaurants, airline reservation centers, banks, taxi services, bus and train reservation offices, printing services, on-line database services, message services, E-mail providers, advertising providers and other content providers. The providers may offer various types of information or services (See Stewart, Col.3, lines 22-28).

(B) As per claim 14, Joseph discloses a processing system for providing services according to claim 10, wherein the kinds of car include a car manufacture, models/type, displacement volume, grade and body color (See Joseph, Fig.10; Page 3, Paragraphs 0037-0038).

The motivation for combining the respective teachings of Stewart and Joseph are as discussed in the rejection of claim 10, and incorporated herein.

(C) As per claim 16, Joseph discloses a processing system for providing services according to claim 10, wherein the use period of the car is a time interval in which the service user occupies and uses the car (See Joseph, Page 5, Paragraph 0046).

The motivation for combining the respective teachings of Stewart and Joseph are as discussed in the rejection of claim 10, and incorporated herein.

### ***Response to Arguments***

4. Applicant's arguments filed on 03/30/05 with respect to claims 10, 14 and 16 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

### ***Conclusion***

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. The cited but not the applied art teaches computerized insurance premium quote request and policy issuance system (4,831,526) and system for safe collection of payment including electronic payment receipt generators having electronic purses (6,609,114).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Vanel Frenel whose telephone number is 571-272-6769. The examiner can normally be reached on 6:30am-5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph Thomas can be reached on 571-272-6776. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.




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